Service Date: September 29, 1976

## BEFORE THE UTILITIES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application	)	
of BLACK HILLS POWER AND	)	
LIGHT COMPANY for an Order	)	Docket No. 6213
Authorizing Applicant to Issue	)	
or Assume Indebtedness in the	)	
Form of Short-Term Borrowings	)	Order No. 4127b
in such Amounts up to Fifteen	)	
(15) Percent of Applicant's	)	
capitalization.	)	
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On August 24, 1976, BLACK HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY (Applicant) filed an amended application in Docket No. 6213, whereby the Applicant requested the Commission to amend Order No. 4127a for authority to issue or assume indebtedness in the form of short-term borrowings in such amounts up to fifteen (15) percent of Applicant's capitalization.

Proceeds from the issuance of the additional short-term borrowings will be used to carry on Applicant's construction program and to maintain an adequate working cash position.

The amended application herein is supported by exhibits and data in accordance with the prescribed rules of the Commission governing authorization for the issuance of securities for electric or gas utilities operating as public utilities in the State of Montana.

Having fully considered the application as amended on July 28, 1976, and all the files and records pertaining thereto on file with the Commission, and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. All of the wording not changed by this order in the original Order No. 4127 and in Order No. 4127a is extended to this Order No. 4127b and is adopted by reference to apply to this order.

2. Public notice of the filing of this application was published on September 3, 1976, in the Ekalaka Eagle. No protests or requests for a formal hearing were received.

## **CONCLUS ION**

The Commission concludes that the application of Black Hills Power and Light Company should be granted as hereinafter ordered.

## **ORDER**

At a Montana Public Service Commission session held in its offices at 1227 Eleventh Avenue, Helena, Montana, on September 22, 1976, all Commissioners being present, Docket No. 6213 regularly came on for final action. The Commission being fully advised in the premises orders:

That the application as amended of the Black Hills Power and Light Company for authority to issue or assume indebtedness in the form of short-term borrowings in such amounts up to fifteen (15) percent of Applicant's capitalization is approved.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, on September 22, 1976.

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman
P.J. GILFEATHER, Commissioner
THOMAS G. MONAHAN, Commissioner
JAMES R. SHEA, Commissioner
GEORGE TURMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Gail E. Behan Secretary (Seal)

NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained

by filing within thirty (30) days from the service of this Order, a petition for

review pursuant to Section 82-4216,

R. C. M. 1947.